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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AT BELGRADE

REF: A. STATE 178240, B. STATE 178242

1. IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER HIGHLY PLACED OFFICIALS AT OAU SUMMIT AND FOREIGN CAPITALS, EMBOFF DISCUSSED TOPICS OF REFTELS WITH FONMIN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY LAFDAL OULD ABEIH WHO INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF OUR POSITIONS, BUT CONFESSED TO CONSIDERABLE IGNORANCE AS TO STANCE OF NEW REGIME ON CERTAIN ISSUES. HE FELT THERE WOULD BE LITTLE CHANGE IN MAURITANIAN POSITION ON MIDDLE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN EARLIER ATTITUDES OF SUPPORT FOR U.N. RESOLUTIONS ON ZIONISM (WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY REFERRING TO RESOLUTION 3379) BKG GAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT FELT MATTER SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT BELGRADE.

2. MOST EXTENSIVE NOTETAKING OCCURRED DURING DISCUSSIONS NEW INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION ORDER WHICH GIRM PERCEIVES AS A PROPOSAL BEING PUCHED BY SOVIETS, AND ON SUBJECT OF PUERTO RICO. DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICAN ELECTION RESULTS AS A CONFIDENTIAL

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BAROMETER OF DESIRE OF INDIGENOUS POPULATION FOR INDEPENDENCE WAS OF OBVIOUS INTEREST TO LAFDAL, ALTHOUGH HE PREDICTABLY DECLINED COMMENT ON EMBOFF'S INQUIRY AS TO WHETHER COMPARABLE REFERENDUMS WERE FEASIBLE IN WESTERN SAHARA REGION.

3. ON QUESTION OF KOREA, LAFDAL EMPHASIZED THAT POSITIONS TAKEN ON KOREAN QUESTIONS (SPECIFICALLY REFERRING TO THE

MAURITANIAN ACTION IN BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA) WERE ACTIONS TAKEN BY FORMER REGIME, AND HE COULD NOT STATE WHAT NEW GOVERNMENT'S STANCE WOULD BE. HE DID INDICATE AGREEMENT WITH POINT THAT DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE WOULD NOT BE PARTICULARLY PRODUCTIVE USE OF CONFERENCE TIME.

4. LAFDAL EXPLAINED THAT MAURITANIAN DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF AHMED OULD SIDI MOHAMED, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, AND MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR TO TUNISIA (WE ASSUME SIDI BOLAR OULE SIDI). KRYZA

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